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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA DISAGGREGATION: SPC MEETING APRIL 20

REFS: A. NATO 2210 (DTG 151437Z APR 77), B. STATE 67040
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(DTG 252317Z MAR 77)

1. WE AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD TABLE DRAFT NAC GUIDANCE ON
TABLING NATIONAL TOTALS (PER REF B). YOUR SUGGESTION
(PARA 16, REF A) TO AMEND DRAFT GUIDANCE BY INCLUDING AN
ANNEX IS UNDER REVIEW. IN TABLING DRAFT GUIDANCE, MISSION
SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE DO NOT SEEK IMMEDIATE REACTIONS AT

APRIL 20 MEETING, BUT BELIEVE DRAFT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN DUE COURSE AS DISCUSSION ON TABLING DATA PROGRESSES.

2. WITH REGARD TO FRG REP'S SUGGESTION ABOUT NEED FOR DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS, INCLUDING NATIONAL DISAGGREGATION, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH A DISCUSSION. YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THAT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION BEGIN NEXT WEEK. BEGIN FYI: WE WISH TO AVOID SPC AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT A FORMAL STUDY CULMINATING IN A WRITTEN DOCUMENT, WHICH WOULD BE TIME-CONSUMING AND DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON. WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND IS AN INTENSIVE DISCUSSION OVER 2-3 SESSIONS WHICH WOULD RESULT IF POSSIBLE IN GUIDANCE TO AHG FOR OPENING OF NEXT

NEGOTIATING ROUND. END FYI.

3. WE TAKE NOTE OF FRG REP'S SUGGESTION (PARA 13, REF A) ABOUT NEED FOR SPC CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE DIRECTION OF DATA DISCUSSION. IN SPC DISCUSSION, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM ASPECTS OF DATA DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING NATIONAL DISAGGREGATION. HOWEVER, WE STRONGLY AGREE WITH UK, CANADIAN AND MC REPS THAT AN EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL TOTALS WILL HAVE TO PRECEDE NAC DECISIONS ON POSSIBLE FURTHER STEPS. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES IN PRESENT CONTEXT WOULD HAVE TO BE VERY PRELIMINARY AND SHOULD NOT DISTRACT SPC FROM THE PRIMARY ISSUE OF NATIONAL DISAGGREGATION.

4. BEGIN FYI: WE ARE PREPARING A TALKING POINTS PAPER
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DISCUSSING THE PROS AND CONS OF THE VARIOUS OPTIONS PUT FORTH TO DATE, INCLUDING NATIONAL DISAGGREGATION AND THE DUTCH SUGGESTION. PAPER WILL ALSO CONTAIN A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-ON DATA ISSUES, INCLUDING POSSIBLE STEPS THAT COULD FOLLOW THE EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL TOTALS. END FYI.

5. WE DO NOT BELIEVE DUTCH PROPOSAL (PARA 6, REF A) WOULD SOLVE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF GETTING EAST TO TABLE NATIONAL TOTALS. WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS SUGGESTION DURING SUBSTANTIVE SPC DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS.
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